

Coalition Letter Supporting PA Energy Efficiency Standards

Below is a coalition letter that calls on Pennsylvania State Representatives and Senators to support legislation to support PA energy efficiency standards. If your organization would like to support this initiative, please fill out the form below. If you have any questions about the form or the letter, please contact Amanda Lapham at amanda@pennenvironment.org

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Dear members of the Pennsylvania legislature,

We the undersigned organizations, businesses, and community leaders write to respectfully ask you to support soon-to-be introduced legislation by state Representatives Wendi Thomas and Jennifer O’Mara to promote energy efficiency standards for a set of appliances sold in Pennsylvania.

Energy efficiency is a crucial tool for reducing air and global warming pollution, and saving consumers money on their utility bills.

That’s because the cheapest, cleanest form of energy is the energy that we don’t need to produce in the first place.

That’s why the legislation being introduced by Reps. Thomas and O’Mara to create energy efficiency and water conservation standards for commercial and residential appliances sold in the Commonwealth is so important.

This legislation can play a critical role to help Pennsylvania tackle climate change, reduce air pollution, conserve our water resources, and save the Commonwealth’s consumers and businesses money on their utility bills.

Research shows that if implemented into law, these efficiency standards will achieve the following annual reductions by 2025:

- Cut emissions of the global warming pollutant carbon dioxide by over 500,000 tons, the equivalent of taking over 110,000 cars off the road;
- Slash Nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions by 270 tons. NOx is the smog-forming pollutant that triggers asthma and other respiratory ailments;
- Reduce fine particulate emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO2) by more than 350 tons. SO2 reduces lung function and exacerbates respiratory ailments;
- Conserve over 6 billion gallons of water;
- Save Pennsylvania consumers and businesses approximately \$217 million on their utility bills.

All of these appliances are already on the market, competitively priced, and available to Pennsylvania consumers and businesses today.

As you can see, this legislation will go a long way towards protecting the health, environment, and pocketbooks of Pennsylvania’s residents and businesses. For these reasons, we support this important proposal and hope that you will too by cosponsoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

